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SUBJ: POSSIBILITY OF STRIKE AFFECTING BERMUDA'S AIR TRAVEL

1. AT MIDNIGHT APRIL 14 PRESENT CONTRACTS BETWEEN AIR SERVICES BERMUDA(ASB) BERMUDA INDUSTRIAL UNION (BIU) AND BERMUDA AIR SERVICES (BAS) EXPIRE. NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN PROCEEDING SLOWLY WITH LITTLE GIVE ON EITHER SIDE.
2. BAS DOES CATERING ALL COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS TO AND FROM BERMUDA. ASB HAS ALL AIRCRAFT GROUND SERVICE OPERATIONS-BAGGAGE, CLEANING PLANES, SUPERVISING REFUELING, ETC.
3. LAST NEGOTIATIONS 3 YEARS AGO. UNION AND COMPANIES SIGNED AGREEMENT THEN BUT WORKERS REFUSED TO ACCEPT AGREEMENT AND STRUCK. STRIKE LASTED 3 WEEKS AND GROUND SERVICES WERE PERFORMED BY MANAGEMENT

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BAS, ASB AND AIRLINES.

4. AIRLINES WILL NOT REPEAT NOT PERFORM GROUND

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OPERATIONS SHOULD BIU STRIKE THIS TIME. THIS MEANS ASB

AND BAS COULD CONTINUE GROUND SUPPORT OPERATIONS FOR
MAXIMUM OF 5 DAYS. DURING THAT PERIOD TOURISTS IN
BERMUDA COULD BE REMOVED BY AIR. AN ESTIMATED 10
5THOUSAND TOURISTS, MOSTLY AMERICAN, ARE HERE AT
ONE TIME DURING PRESENT HEIGHT OF TOURIST SEASON.
5. WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED. DETAILED REPORT
FOLLOWS BY AIRGRAM.

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